

wherein R is methyl or ethyl;

R₁ is chloro or fluoro;

R₂ is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy[,] or ethoxy [or hydroxy];

R₄ is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₅ is chloro, fluoro[,] or trifluoromethyl [or methyl];

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug ester thereof.

2. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R is methyl or ethyl; R₁ is chloro or fluoro; R₂ is hydrogen; R₃ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro[,] or methyl [or hydroxy]; R₄ is hydrogen; and R₅ is chloro[,] or fluoro [or methyl]; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug ester thereof.

3. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R is methyl or ethyl; R₁ is fluoro; R₂ is hydrogen; R₃ is hydrogen[,] or fluoro [or hydroxy]; R₄ is hydrogen; and R₅ is chloro; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug ester thereof.

4. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R is methyl or ethyl; R₁ is fluoro; R₂ is fluoro; R₃ is hydrogen[,] or ethoxy [or hydroxy]; R₄ is fluoro; and R₅ is fluoro; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug ester thereof.

Please cancel claims 9 and 14.

Claim 19, line 5 after "as defined", please add -- in claim 1 --.

Claim 20, line 1 after "compound" please delete "according to claim 1".

Claim 20, to the right of structural formula, please delete "(I)" and insert -- (Ia) --.

Claim 31, line 2, please delete "essentially" and substitute therefore -- substantially --.